THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE ROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1.   A method for providing enhanced features for streamed video content over a network comprising the steps of:
a)   initializing a web server and a media server
b)   providing a client player to the end user;
c)   opening the streaming session;
d)   streaming the coded video content bit steam between the media server and client player;
e)   enabling the enhanced feature set to the end user for manipulation through the client player;
f)   terminating the streaming session.

2.   The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the video content has been encoded for compression using prior art H263 standards.

3.   The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the audio content has been encoded for compression using prior art MP3 standards.

4.   The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the video content has been pre-encoded deriving semantic content from the video to construct a searchable index of content features.

5.   An apparatus for providing enhanced features for streamed video content over a network comprised of:
a web server and a media server
a client player offering an enhanced feature set to the end user;
means of initiating and maintaining and terminating a streaming session between the media server and client player.

6.   The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the video content has been encoded for compression using prior art H263 standards.

7.   The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the audio content has been encoded for compression using prior art MP3 standards.

o. The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the video content has been pre-encoded deriving semantic content from the video to construct a searchable index of content features.